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**Maggie Zeisset** is a senior Political Science and English-Lit double major with a History minor. In her time at IWU she has worked as a Resource Assistant at the Career Center, co-founded the IWU Happy Club, served as the Vice President for the English Honors Society, Sigma Tau Delta, and studied abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark. She is also a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, Alpha Lambda Delta National Freshmen Honor Society and National Society of Leadership and Success. She interned at the McLean County Public Defender's office and the Crime Victim Advocacy Center.

**Lindsey Alpert** is a senior political science and history double major. She has been an active member of Alpha Gamma Delta International Fraternity where she has served as philanthropy chair and publications coordinator. As philanthropy chair she has completed numerous community service projects at the Humane Society of Central Illinois, Evergreen Assisted Living, and the McLean County YWCA as well as planning a Casino Night to fundraise for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Lindsey is also a member of Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society) where she serves as an officer and Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society). In the spring of her junior year she was a social systems intern at the McLean County Regional Planning Commission where she helped plan innovative ways for the community to combine the county government and community outreach. Lindsey will begin pursuing her law degree at Loyola University of Chicago in the fall.

**Molly Willeford** is a senior Political Science and International Studies double major. During her time at IWU, she has been an active member of Kappa Delta Sorority and volunteered with the IWU Autism Social Group, both since her first year. She is also a member of Pi Sigma Alpha (the National Political Science Honor Society), Student Senate, and the IWU College Democrats. Molly also serves as a Titan Orientation Leader (TOL) to help incoming first year students in the fall. During the spring semester of 2015, Molly studied abroad in Cape Town, South Africa. While there, she completed a month long independent study project on women's empowerment and the need for it in Cape Town. After graduation, Molly plans to attend the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University to receive her MA in International Affairs and a certificate in Global Gender Policy.

**Preslav Mantchev** is a junior majoring in Political Science and International Studies, with a minor in Economics. During his time at IWU, he has been active as president of Amnesty International and philanthropy chairman of the Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) fraternity. Preslav has also volunteered at the Peace Garden, and enjoys attending College Democrats meetings. He has been recognized for his service by the Action Research Center's "I gave a day" campaign, and is also a member of the Omicron Delta Epsilon honor society for Economics. Preslav hopes to secure an internship in the city of Chicago this summer, and also appease a bad case of wanderlust he caught while studying abroad this past fall in Freiburg, Germany.

**Nicole Jovicevic** graduated *summa cum laude* with a B.A. in Political Science. She was president of the IWU chapter of Amnesty International and a Student Activist Coordinator for Amnesty International and developed the annual Write4Rights event. She traveled to Nepal, Jordan, and Chile through the SIT International Honors Program her sophomore year and presented her research on effective recruitment strategies for youth in Human Rights work at the Human Rights Undergraduate Research Conference at IWU later that year. Because of her academic achievements and civic engagement initiatives, she was the recipient of the 2015 Lincoln Laureate award. She was also a member of Pi Sigma Alpha and Sigma Alpha Pi. She is currently a Recruitment Coordinator at Fresenius-Kabi.

**Madalyn Browning-Perry** is a junior Political Science and Economics double major. This last summer and continuing through the year, Maddie served as one of the first Hillary Clinton campaign fellows. Her grassroots involvement with the Clinton campaign encouraged Maddie to continue her political activism as a student intern working with Bloomington City Council and the mayor, and on campus as a member of the College Democrats. Maddie has formerly served as a member of executive board of Sigma Kappa sorority and the Fraternity and Sorority Programming Board and co-president of the Economics Society. She continues to be a leader on campus involved with Sigma Alpha Pi (The National Society of Leadership and Success) at IWU. This summer Maddie will begin co-authoring a submission to Public Opinion Quarterly and is also excited to start a yearlong internship with Country Financial.